VPI Issues Recommendations To Farmers For Fertilizers

Fertilizer recommendations for 1952 have just been released, County Agent R. B. Hudgins says, and he offers some of them here. Others will be given next week. They are based on experimental findings as reviewed earlier this month by all members of the V. P. I. agronomy department. The following listing shows the crop, then the pounds per acre to apply, and the mixture or mixtures recommended:

Alfalfa seeding: 1,000 to 1,200 pounds 2-12-12 with boron.

Alfalfa top-dressing: 600 to 1,000 pounds 0-10-20 or 0-14-14 with boron.

Lespedeza: 400 to 500 pounds of 0-14-7 or 0-14-14.

Red clover: 300 to 400 pounds of 0-14-7 or 0-14-14.

Orchard grass: 400 to 500 pounds 4-16-8, 5-10-10 or 8-8-8.

Pastures top-dressing: 400 to 600 pounds 4-16-8, 5-10-10 or 8-8-8.

Ladino-orchard grass: 800 to 1,000 pounds 2-12-12 or 5-10-10 (as-ding).

Ladino-orchard grass top - dressing: 500 to 800 pounds 0-14-14, 0-10-20 or 5-10-10 (annually).

Permanent pasture (seeding): 800 to 1,000 pounds of 4-16-8 or 4-12-8.

Permanent pasture top - dressing: 1,000 to 1,200 pounds 0-14-7, 0-14-14 or 4-16-8.

For pastures on Nason-Tatum soils and sandy soils, an application of 250 to 300 pounds per acre each year will probably give better results. When top-dressing bluegrass and white clover pastures apply 1,000 to 1,200 pounds to the acre every 3 or 4 years.

Mr. Hudgins says that results of recent soils tests show that far too many of the pastures in this county are low in phosphoric acid and too frequently there is not enough organic matter. Pastures use a lot of plant food. Good pastures must have adequate mineral fertilizers and lime. Phosphorus and potash are most important mineral fertilizers. Use enough lime to raise the ph to 6.5 or above.

With the national and foreign demands for meats, dairy products and grain, it is important that we do everything possible to increase production all the way down the line.

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SHORT COURSE AT VPI

Production and management problems of the beef cattle industry will have top billing in discussions at the second annual short course for beef cattle producers at VPI, March 4, 5, and 6.

Curtis Mast, associate animal husbandman at VPI, says marketing and disease and parasite control also will be discussed.

The short course is open to anyone interested. There will be a minimum registration fee. Lecturers, many of them members of the animal husbandry staff at VPI, will be announced later, as will the detailed program.

Cattle producers interested in attending should contact their county farm agents.

MR. J. R. BOOKER

Mr. John Richard Booker, retired C & O employee and a prominent farmer in this county, died Monday at Patrick Henry Hospital, Denbigh, after an illness of two months. Born June 2, 1870, he was the son of Robert Marshall and Susan Taylor Booker.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mabel Bertha Coleman Booker; six sons, Russel F. Booker, of Elkhart, Ind.; George E. Booker, Washington; Robert C. Booker, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Malcombe A. Booker, Appomattox; John R. Booker, Jr., Boston, M-Sgt. W. Alexander Booker, Ft. Bliss, Texas, four daughters, Mrs. Susie Booker Christian, Richmond; Mrs. Livye Booker Ewing, of Charleston, S. C.; Mrs. Bernie Seeley, Newport News, and Mrs. Alice Crafton, Appomattox.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 P. M. Thursday, conducted by the Rev. J. P. Leitner, assisted by the Rev. L. P. Brown. Interment was in the Beverley Hills family cemetery.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE DECLINE IN VIRGINIA

Public Assistance rolls continue to decline in Virginia. This is the picture shown by figures from the Department of Welfare and Institutions for November, just released.

A steady downward trend for the past year shows no signs of changing but the applications received by local welfare departments for General Relief increased during November. This is a customary increase because of increased needs during cold weather.

Applications for general relief increased from 534 in October to 626 in November, but the total number of persons receiving general relief declined, as it has been declining for the past year. 2295 cases received general relief payments, a drop from 2472 in October of this year, and a decline since November 1950 from 3068.

Other programs also declined. Old age assistance dropped from 19455 to 19,367. Aid to dependent children decreased 120 cases during November. There was an increase of 151 cases in aid to permanently and totally disabled program, and an increase of 40 in foster care.

Russia is rebuffed on proposal on Austrian peace pact.

A Country Editor Goes On A Southern Tour

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dence of prosperity. The next morning we drove the 29 miles to Chattanooga. Over a quarter of a million population . . . and you are routed through easily and up the famous Lookout Mountain, where you get a wonderful view of several states and below you is the Big Bend in the Tennessee River. A sign says: "See you later in Chattanooga." And after a bit you enter Dade County, Georgia . . . the lone county off in the northwest tip of the state. Fireworks for sale . . . we didn't want any. Collinsville, Alabama, was next and it began to rain, was cool and windy. Temperature in the 40's. Speed limit 60 MPH. Standard Gas instead of Esso. A beautiful modernistic high school. Atalla, Alabama . . . and then on south to tr.mendous Birmingham: 378 square miles, population approximately 600,000, altitude 600 to 1200 feet, mean temperature 63 degrees, coal, iron, steel, limestone, brick, tile, rails, steel wire. Vulcan statue, weighing 120,000 pounds. Sign along street: "Goat milk for sale." Didn't want any of that either. Burma Shave signs: "It makes no difference how you pick'em, if you're half-shaved your whiskers stick'em." Ate lunch at Lou-Jack's Restaurant. The Birmingham News and Post-Herald. Over a long viaduct into the wholesale district . . . tall buildings . . . Hotel Thomas Jefferson . . . a block each way. Parking space store . . . "The Magic City" . . . an aged negro with a push cart collecting scrap metal . . . purple and yellow ACT yard engine . . . Alabama State Fairgrounds . . . and on through Bessemer . . . by Wigwam Village . . . Alabama State Camp grounds. Church of God with lighted highway. Over-the-car radio: "Don't Roll Those Bloodshot Eyes at Me." (lok like two cherries in a pool of buttermilk) . . .

And so into Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Louis Weisel Dept. Store . . . Harry Gilmer's service station, with figure of football player on top . . . SPE fraternity house . . . University of Alabama . . . Denny Chimes Carillon . . . Doster Hall . . . Bibb Graves Hall . . . Sigma Nu house . . . "Bama" Theatre, playing "Callaway Went Thattaway" . . . an excellent show (we saw it someplace else) . . . 1st Presbyterian Church being remodeled . . . wide streets . . . one cent slots in parking meters for 12 minutes . . . Stillman College . . . over Black Warrior River and stopped at a service station where a lady was reading her Bible preparing the Sunday School lesson for the following Sunday. We suggested she purchase Peloubit's Notes as an aid and chatted with her for 15 minutes. And on to Eutaw, Alabama . . . nice hotel and coffee shop. Sign indicating Aliceville was off to the left. Who she? Better pasture land, but Black Angus. We turned our w back an hour as we had left Eas Standard Time. Gee. And this it that at 4 p. m. we drove to Ad McCain's tourist court in Livingo Alabama, where we were wa greeted by old friends and w we spent the night and had wonderful meals.

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By The Editor
A COUNTRY EDITOR ON TOUR

Last week, in an account of our recent overdue vacation, we left off as we arrived in Livingston, Ala., at the delightful home of our old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Adfield McClain. Saturday morning, Jan. 5, Mr. McCain took us on tour of the town, and a fine town it is. By the Rex Theatre, the town swimming pool, and the state teachers' colleges. The latter got down to 37 enrollment during the late war, and local folk called it: "ST-37." Now it has a fine student body, and one sees lots of GI families living in trailers, to supplement housing. The gymnasium and athletic field are shared with the high school. The town square has a famous 1,065 foot locred well. The court house is attractive, and there's a handsome county health building. Population of Livingston is nearly 2,0 0. There is a food locker, a stock market — and traffic lights. And a cafeteria, pecan trees, magnolias, a fine Baptist Church with parsonage adjoining. We regret to hear that Dr. McCain, father of Mrs. C. F. James, of Appomattox, passed away since our visit to his charming home. We visited Mrs. Oxbridge Martin and family, and Miss Addie White, who are remembered here. There is a fine belt of rich black soil through this portion of Alabama and livestock production is booming. Natural gas is available, and most everyone uses gas for heating their homes, as well as for cooking.

It is ten miles along to York, where there is Lions Club, a school and gymnasium. Twenty-five miles along, we came to the Mississippi state line. The Tom Bailey Memorial Highway routes you around Meridian. We had planned to continue on Route 11 down to Hattiesburg before crossing over to the Mississippi, but in Meridian we got off our route and found ourselves headed for Jackson and Vicksburg. I felt that was an act of fate and it turned out to be a happy decision, for we had a chance to see the grassroots section of the state of Mississippi. A town called Chuquay. The big J. M. Blount dairy farm at Hickory, and the Coastal Plain Agricultural Experiment Station in Newton County. A billboard states: "Forward with Mississippi."At Newton, the town fire truck was swinging into action. And then at noon we came to Forest, Miss., a town of some 3,000. Eric Johnson is the publisher of the Scott County News there and we visited with him for half an hour and then went over to the Southland Hotel for lunch. And lunch was not an adequate name for it! We copied down what we had around a huge table:fried chicken, sausage, roast beef, country ham, cucumbers, onions, tomatoes, potatoes, greens, string beans, chef salad, pickle, coffee, tea or milk, pudding, hot biscuits and corn muffins. And the hospitable host kept insisting that "You-all do have some more!" We engaged in conversation with two gentlemen who were installing a three turkey hatchery nearby.It turned out that one of them had been to Appomattox on a similar project. It was a wonderful stop, and filled with good food and a chorus of "You-all come again" farewells, we headed on toward the state capital at Jackson.

We passed a car with an Alaskan licensing plate, No. 231. That was in Rankin County, Miss. And saw the Southern plant of the Talon Co. The sun was shining and this was indeed a grassroots view of the deep South. The town square in Brandon, with its Confederate monument. Pigs along the side of the road. The New South is being interposed with the old. State car license plates carry the name of the county where issued. Into Jackson. Robert E. Lee Hotel. A large General Electric plant. An asphalt tile plant. A tent roller rink. The Van Winkle Baptist Church, 3 miles west on Route 80. State capital in the distance. On to Clinton, home of Mississippi College. Rich soil. We were nearing Old Man River. Saw an aged Negro in a tiny cart pulled by two goats. And ahead is Vicksburg. Will start off there for next week's column.

Draft Eligibles Warned About Registering

Calling attention to the fact that failure to register is a violation of law and makes the delinquent liable for immediate induction, H. A. Gurney, chairman of Local Board No. 8, Appomattox County, expressed fear that many youths were placing themselves in jeopardy unwittingly.

No estimate of the number of eligibles who were not registered was made but local boards have standing instructions to turn over names and suspected delinquents under the Selective Service law to federal authorities for investigation and prosecution if facts warrant.

Although the young man who becomes 18 is required to register at a local board office within five days of the date of his eighteenth birthday, Mr. Gurney explained, if he happens to be away from home he need not return; he may register at the nearest local board convenient to him and the record will be sent to the local board having jurisdiction, even though it is in another state. After he registers, the universal military training and service act requires that a registrant keep his local board informed of any change in his address or change in status, the chairman pointed out, and this applies after he becomes 26 as well as before.

Questioned concerning the man who did not register because he was on active duty in the armed forces, it was explained that such a man is required to register within 30 days of the time he is separated from the armed forces.

"Any person who changes from a status which did not require his registration to a status which does require it must register promptly to be within the law," the local draft official said, adding that those who were out of the country on the registration days must register within five days following the date they re-enter the United States, which includes Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Examinations Called For

The Local Selective Service Board has announced the following call for physical examination on February 5, 1952:

Everette Walker Martin, RFD 2, Concord, Va., White.

Robert Henry Sylvia, RFD 2, Gladstone, Va., White.

Ernest Howard Goin, RFD 1, Appomattox, Va., White.

Richard Walter Elder, RFD 1, Appomattox, Va., White.

Roosevelt Dolphus Moseley, RFD 4, Appomattox, Va., Negro.

Thomas Stephens, Jr., Gladstone, Va., White.

Leonard Burns Cardwell, RFD 2, Concord, Va., Negro.

James Slagle, RFD 1, Appomattox, Va., White.

Allan Taylor Giles, RFD 1, Appomattox, Va., White.

James David Robertson, RFD 2, Spout Springs, Va., Negro.

Allan Lewis Harris, RFD 1, Gladstone, Va., White.

Earl Lee Jones, RFD 2, Appomattox Va., Negro.

Curtis Hart Price, Pamplin, Va., Negro.

George Franklin, RFD 4, Appomattox, Va., Negro.

McFADDEN ON USS WISCONSIN

James W. McFadden, quartermaster first class, USN, husband of Mrs. Ada McFadden of Route 3, Appomattox, Va., was aboard the battleship USS Wisconsin when she unleashed her first group of "calling cards" on Red forces on the Eastern coast of Korea recently.

The Wisconsin dropped the one-ton, 16-inch "cards" on enemy installations and troop concentrations below Wonsan, in support of Republic of Korea and U. S. Marine Corps troops.

"Excellent," was the term used by Army and Air Force spotters to describe the accuracy of the Wisconsin's gunfire as she inflicted heavy personnel losses and destruction to enemy supply depots.

FOR FIRE WARDEN

The telephone number of chief forest fire warden J. L. Torrence, of Route 2, has been changed to 3035. Mr. Torrence should be called to report forest fires.

BLIND GI HOME . . . P.F.C. Charles Hamdger, New York, almost totally blinded by a grenade explosion in battle of Heartbreak Ridge, was flown home by the military air transport service. He spent the recent holiday with his mother.

The A. H. S. Newscast

(By Peggy Ellen Cole)

Hi, guys and gals:

Thought I'd stop studying for a few minutes to gather the news of the week for you. The topic of all conversation, of course, is exams. More people have taken books home and studied until late at night than you can imagine. Every spare minute we have in class is spent in study. Yes, exams are really here.

The first edition of "Commercial Comment," our new school paper came out Friday. It was crammed full of interesting news from the grades as well as the high school. There were current events and sports as well. Everybody enjoyed the first edition very much and we are looking forward to next month's edition.

Have you ever heard of teachers who couldn't talk? Sounds fantastic, doesn't it, but we had two at school this week. Mrs. Cheatham and Mrs. Gilbert. Both had cases of laryngitis. Right at the time of exams and review is a bad time to be without a voice. We hope, however, that Mrs. Cheatham and Mrs. Gilbert will be better very soon.

It was so nice to have two of our graduates back with us this week. They were "Dick" Marks and Byron Babcock, who had finished their exams at the University of Virginia, and were here for a short visit.

The entire grade school was out Tuesday afternoon to see the movie, "Alice in Wonderland." It would be nice to be back in the grades where you could see a movie instead of taking an exam, wouldn't it?

The senior Tri-Hi-Y was called to order Monday morning by the president. Devotions were led by Shirley Walton. We were happy to have as guest for this meeting Dr. Twyman Williams. The meeting adjourned with the Tri-Hi-Y benediction.

Our basketball teams played Naruna at Concord last Thursday night. Both the boys and girls won their games. There was a large crowd present and the players rewarded them by playing one of their best games of the year. Thursday night we play Madison Heights and Friday night we play Concord, both games at Concord.

I must get back to my studying now, but I'll be back with more news next week.

CAFETERIA MENU

Monday: Creamed chipped beef, on Holland rusk; green peas, sliced peaches, whole wheat or white bread.

Tuesday: Black eyed peas, baked tomatoes, potato chips, whole wheat or white bread.

Wednesday: Potatoes and corned beef, green beans, pear halves, and whole wheat or white bread.

Thursday: October beans, cole slaw, baked apples, corn bread.

Friday: Meat balls in tomato sauce, Spanish rice, apricots, whole wheat or white bread.

Basketball At Concord

Appomattox girls and boys teams will play tonight at Concord where they meet Madison Heights in a league game. Then they will play Concord Friday night at Concord.

Appomattox High School girls and boys won their games last week when they defeated Naruna High School at Concord. The girm game was won by a score of 53-38. Bea Totty was high scorer with 23 points and she was followed by Virginia Chandler with 15 points.

The boys won by a score of 58-50. Bill Jamerson was high man with 21 points and he was followed by Leon Paulette with 13, and Ray Wingfield with 11 points. The boys now have a 5-won and 3-lost record for the season. The girls now have a 7-won and 1-lost record.

Don't forget the games tonight and tomorrow night at Concord.

Homemakers' Schedule

Schedule of home demonstration club meetings next week:

The subject for demonstration will be stain and spot removal, and will be given by leaders with the home agent assisting.

Tuesday, Feb. 5.- The Lee Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2 P. M. with Mrs. H. A. Torrence. The demonstration will be given by Mrs. Helen Fay Coleman and Mrs. R. J. Lucado.

Wed., Feb. 6.- The Glendale Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2 P. M. with Mrs. M. A. Johnson, with Mrs. Martin co-hostess. The demonstration will be given by Mrs. W. C. Chilton and Mrs. Raymond Rosser.

Thursday, Feb. 7.- The James River Home Demonstration Club will meet at 1:00 P. M. for luncheon with Mrs. T. M. Cunningham. This is the second in a series of luncheon meetings the members are sponsoring to raise funds for their club. The demonstration will be given by Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Walter Phelps.

Thursday, Feb. 7. The Rocky Hone Demonstration Club meets at 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. Toby Inge. The demonstration will be given by Mrs. J. H. Ranson and Mrs. Lowell Fleshman.

Friday, Feb. 8.- 4-H meetings.

Saturday, Feb. 9.- District 4-H contests in Lynchburg.

Leaf Volume Drops, Season Nearing End

Sales volume dropped sharply this week as the end of the annual marketing approached at dark tobacco warehouses. The price average was also down a bit from the high mark established this selling period.

Market officials have announced February 7 as the closing date for dark tobacco sales. They urge growers to get remaining leaf to market promptly.

The Farmville price average last week was $57.30 per hundredweight.

Last year's season average was $35.67, and indications are that this mark will be broken, as well as the poundage total for last year.

Season sales on all Virginia markets totaled 12,012,322 pounds, at an average of $39.34.

1952 Crop Recommendations For Appomattox County

The latest recommendations on the best varieties of field crops to plant in 1952 have just been received from the agronomy department at V. P. I., County Agent R. B. Hudgins says. The entire agronomy staff met last week for a close look at experimental findings on which to base the recommendations.

These are the varieties recommended for Appomattox County farmers, Mr. Hudgins says:

Alfalfa: Kansas Common, Oklahoma Common, Buffalo (bacterial wilt resistant), and Williamsburg, a new Virginia variety.Another new variety, Atlantic, is also good, but very little seed is available.

Red Clover: Certified Virginia Adapted,Certified Kenland, and Virginia Adapted.

Orchard grass: Use Virginia-grown seed.

Winter Oats: Arlington, Lee Cold Proof, Forkedeer, Letoria.

Spring Oats: Andrew Clinton.

Barley: Wong, Calhoun, Kentucky No. 1.

Wheat: Vahart, Thorne, Leaps Prolific (smooth headed), Atlas 50, Atlas 66.

Corn Hybrids: Early: Yellow- U. S. 505; Pioneer 332; Pioneer 303; Illinois 200. Full season: Yellow- U. S. 262 or 262A; U. S. 578; U. S. 357. White: Pioneer 516; Southern States 903W; Broadbent 225W; Indiana 750. Silage: Yellow- U. S. 262 or 262A; U. S. 578; N. C. 1032; U. S. 357.

Tobacco: Use one of the VESTA blackshank-resistant varieties or Dixie Bright 101 where soil is infested with blackshank organisms.

Flue-Cured: Virginia Gold, Yellow Special, Yellow Special A, North Carolina 402, Vamor 50, Dixie Bright 101, Oxford 26, Vesta or Dixie Bright 101.

Burley: Ky. 16 and Ky. 41A (both are root rot resistant.)

Sun-Cured: Little Orinoco.

Dark Fire-Cured: Lizzard Tail Orinoco, West Ky. No. 2.

Legion To Have Orator Contest

An opportunity is being offered Appomattox County high school pupils to enter an annual oratorical contest, under the sponsorship of the American Legion. The county contest, to which the public is invited, will be held at the local auditorium at 8:00 P. M., February 8.

Chas. T. Moses, Jr., of the Legion committee, stated today that over 20 students have already signified intention to enter the contest. Subject of the student talks will be: "The Constitution of the United States." A county prize of a $25.00 Savings Bond is offered the winner. Winner in the national contest will receive a $4,000 scholarship.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS ANNOUNCES MEETING

The Farmville group of Alcoholics Anonymous will sponsor an open meeting at Jarman Auditorium, at Longwood College, at 8:00 P. M. on Thursday, February 7. An outstanding speaker will address those present on the alcoholic problem as it effects the individual and what can be done about it. All interested persons are cordially invited.

Redistricting, Tax Bills Lead List In Assembly

Siren Begins 'Dimes' March

When the fire siren sounds in Appomattox tonight at 7:00 o'clock, it will not indicate a fire. It will signal a house to house canvass for the March of Dimes, as part of participation in the "Mothers' March on Polio." Mrs. S. A. Lawson is chairman of the canvassing committee. Town residents are asked to be at home between 7 and 8 and to turn on porch lights—and have contributions ready.

Pamplin Residents Raise $148

A total of $148 was raised at a games party in Pamplin last Friday night for the March of Dimes. The people of the community recalled the annual games party staged for this cause by the late State Trooper Robert W. Smith and Mrs. Smith, and they dedicated the effort this year to preservation of this practice. Some sixty people gathered at the Pamplin school cafeteria. The committee was headed by W. R. Brightwell, Cecil Ligon and Mrs. Pearl Lucado.

Ask Prompt Reports

T. DeWitt Evans, chairman, and Miss Laura McFadden, treasurer are anxiuos to receive reports promptly by March of Dimes collectors. C. W. Smith is chairman of the committee making the campaign in the various churches, and Mrs. Mozella Price is conducting an active drive among Negro schools and churches.

Last year the March of Dimes effort netted $3,000 in this county.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 30.- (Special to Times-Virginian.) Legislation to bring state and local public employees under the Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance program, supplemented by a state retirement system, moved toward early approval in the Virginia General Assembly this week.

Redistricting, election laws, and proposed revisions of the automatic tax reduction law retained top interest among the legislators, however. New bills dealing with all these subjects have gone into the hopper and joint committee hearings by committees of the two houses were held on a runoff primary bill Monday afternoon.

The social security and revised retirement system bills passed the Senate without dissent and identical bills were before the House for quick disposal this week. One of the bills authorizes the state to enter into an agreement with the Social Security Administration to cover state and local government employees and a second bill would repeal the present state retirement program. As soon as the agreement is entered into between the state and federal governments, a third bill will be taken up that would establish a supplementary retirement program in which state and local employees would be eligible for benefits beyond those provided in the federal program.

These bills were recommended by Governor Battle and the Virginia Advisory Legislative Council.

The runoff primary bill, with a host of sponsors in each branch, would provide for a runoff election between the two highest candidates if none received a majority of the vote in the initial balloting. Indications were that the bill would have strong support and receive early approval. It would apply to the next U. S. Senatorial primary and all future statewide elections, including Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General.

A new Congressional redistricting bill was introduced in both houses with the most powerful support of any previously offered. It would adopt the recommendations of the Redistricting Study Commission except that Princess Anne County would be transferred from the second District to the First District, Powhatan would be retained in the Fourth, and minor changes would be made on the borderline between the present First and Eighth. The new Tenth District would be composed of the areas adjacent to Washington, as originally proposed.

State Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr., of Winchester offered the bill to amend the automatic tax reduction act so as to gear the operation of future tax reductions to actual revenues. The bill was reported by the Senate Finance Committee, 16 to 1, and went to the Senate floor for probable passage this week. Byrd said the bill would tie future reductions to the excess of revenues over estimates, rather than making a reduction automatic at certain dollar levels, as is done by the present law.

Several new measures for repeal of the poll tax as a prerequisite for voting have been introduced in the past few days. All of these will be considered simultaneously by the Privileges and Elections Committees at a date not yet announced.

The House received with Senate approval a bill reducing the wholesale merchants' license tax from 20 to 13 cents per $100, and the House passed and sent to the Senate bills continuing the $200 cost of living pay increase for state employees authorized by the Governor last spring. The House also approved a bill to provide an administrative officer for the Supreme Court of Appeals. A similar bill was defeated in the Senate two years ago.

The House Finance Committee killed by a 16-1 vote a bill by W. H. Adams, of Richmond to allow Virginia income taxpayers credit for their Federal income taxes.

CONCORD PTA

The Concord P. T. A. met Wednesday to discuss the county school building program. The Campbell County Board of Supervisors meets February 3 to consider school building proposals for the county, and patrons of the Concord school plan to attend the meeting.

One of the proposals to be considered is an addition to the school at Rustburg.